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Application of:

LEVSEN, CLARK A.

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of November 10, 1999, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claims 2, 3, 5, 8-11, 13, 17 and 19 as follows:

In line 1 of claim 2, following the word "in", please replace the text "claim1" with --claim 17--.

In line 1 of claim 3, following the word "claim", please replace the numeral "1" with the numeral --17--.